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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT DELIVERED IN UNGA
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QUOTE

AS THIS ASSEMBLY DRAWS TO A CLOSE, IT IS TIME TO TAKE STOCK.
MUCH GOOD HAS BEEN DONE. THE WORLD COMMUNITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS
LEADING STATEMEN, HAS DEVOTED SEVERAL WEEKS OF INTENSIVE
ATTENTION TO THE CRITICAL SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN THE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ARENA. WE BELIEVE THIS WAS RIGHT, PROPER,
AND USEFUL.

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MANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE ON HOW TO COPE WITH THE

RANGE OF PROBLEMS IN THIS FIELD. WE ARE, I MUST CONFESS, DISAPPOINTED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO EMERGE FROM OUR DELIVERATIONS WITH UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON HOW THESE PROBLEMS CAN BEST BE SOLVED.

OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE NEGOTIATED OUT OUR DIFFERENCES ON COMPLICATED ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS IN VARIOUS OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA. WE SERIOUSLY QUESTION WHAT VALUE THERE IS IN ADOPTING STATEMENTS ON DIFFICULT AND CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS THAT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF ONLY ONE FACTION.

SOME HAVE REFERRED TO THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN FORMULATED AS THAT OF "CONSENSUS". MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THE WORD "CONSENSUS" CANNOT BE APPLIED IN THIS CASE. THE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE PRINTED AS THE WRITTEN PRODUCT OF THIS SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT, IN FACT, WHATEVER IT IS CALLED, REPRESENT A CONSENSUS IN THE ACCEPTED MEANING OF THAT TERM.

MY DELEGATION, MR. PRESIDENT, DID NOT CHOOSE TO VOICE OBJECTION TO THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO US THIS EVENING EVEN THOUGH AT THE LAST MOMENT IT WAS PRESENTED WITHOUT MENTION OF THE WORD CONSENSUS. THE INTENT, HOWEVER, WAS CLEAR. THIS WAS INTENDED AS A CONSENSUS PROCEDURE. BUT OUR OBJECTING AT THE LAST SECOND WOULD ONLY HAVE SERVED TO EXACERBATE THE DIVISIONS THAT WE HAVE WORKED TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY TO BRIDGE DURING THE PAST WEEKS.

THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION CONTAINS ELEMENTS WHICH MANY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, LARGE AND SMALL, AND ON EVERY CONTINENT, DO NOT ENDORSE. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, LIKE MANY OTHERS, STRONGLY DISAPPROVES OF SOME PROVISIONS IN THE DOCUMENT AND HAS IN NO SENSE ENDORSED THEM. THE DOCUMENT WE HAVE PRODUCED IS A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DOCUMENT, BUT IT DOES NOT REPRESENT UNANIMITY OF OPINION IN THIS ASSEMBLY. TO LABEL SOME OF THESE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL CONCLUSIONS AS AGREED IS NOT ONLY IDLE, IT IS SELF-DECEIVING. IN THIS HOUSE, THE STREAMROLLER IS NOT THE VEHICLE FOR SOLVING VITAL, COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

THE MAJOR CONCERN OF MY OWN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TO ASSURE SOME IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE RELIEF TO THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY RECENT CHANGES IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD ECONOMY. WHILE A PROGRAM OF ACTION HAS BEEN ADOPTED, WE ARE, FRANKLY, NOT CONVINCED THAT IT WILL RESPOND TO THESE IMMEDIATE NEEDS. I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT JUST YESTERDAY MY OWN DELEGATION ADVANCED A NUMBER OF IDEAS WHICH WERE ADDRESSED PRIMARILY TO THIS AREA OF MOST CRITICAL NEED. WE REGRET THAT THE SHORTAGE OF TIME MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT. I WISH TO ASSURE THE ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER, THAT MY OWN GOVERNMENT IS EXAMINING CAREFULLY WHAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES IT CAN

TAKE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUFFERED MOST.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEED FOR A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH FACE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON A WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING COMMODITY PRICES, AID, TRADE, ENERGY, FOOD AND MONETARY STABILITY. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS AND THROUGH TRUE CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.

THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED MANKIND'S COMMON DESTINY. OUR NATIONS MET IN A GLOBAL FORUM TO COME TO GRIPS WITH WHAT ONCE WAS CONSIDERED NATIONAL PROBLEMS: INFLATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH, FEEDING THE HUNGRY, AND UPLIFTING THE IMPOVERISHED.

THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN TO ACCEPT OUR MUTUAL DEPENDENCE, AND TO AGREE ON AN AGENDA FOR COMMON ACTION TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE ACROSS THE GLOBE. SUCCESS CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY ONE NATION, OR BY ONE GROUP OF NATIONS SEEKING TO IMPOSE ITS WILL. NOR WILL IT RESULT FROM ONE SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

TOO OFTEN IN THE PAST THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE FORUM FOR UNREALISTIC PROMISES, AND UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS. THE IDEAL HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED TOO OFTEN FOR THE ATTAINABLE, AND THE RESULTS HAVE OFTEN BEEN NO MORE THAN INCREASED FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT. HISTORICALLY, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT MADE COMMITMENTS THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO FULFILL. THUS, AS SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER RECENTLY TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, THE UNITED STATES WILL PROMISE ONLY WHAT IT CAN DELIVER. AND WE WILL MAKE WHAT WE CAN DELIVER COUNT.

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IN THIS SPIRIT, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT NIXON, SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THIS ASSEMBLY TWO WEEKS AGO, PLEDGED THE UNITED STATES TO A MAJOR EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT. HE STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE POOREST NATIONS.

WE HAVE SET FORTH OUR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND COMMITMENTS TO HELP ASSURE AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF ENERGY AT AN EQUITABLE PRICE, TO ACHIEVE A MORE STABLE BALANCE BETWEEN RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND, TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN FOOD AND POPULATION GROWTH, TO BUILD A TRADE, MONETARY AND INVESTMENT SYSTEM THAN ENCOURAGES ECONOMIC GROWTH RATHER THAN ECONOMIC WARFARE, AND TO BRING THE BEST MINDS OF ALL NATIONS TO APPLY SCIENCE TO MEET THE PROBLEMS THAT SCIENCE HAS HELPED CREATE.

IT IS EASY TO AGREE TO YET ANOTHER SET OF PRINCIPLES, TO ANOTHER
PROGRAM OF ACTION, TO MORE STEPS THAT OTHER NATIONS SHOULD TAKE.
BUT EACH NATION MUST ASK ITSELF WHAT CAN IT DO, WHAT CONTRIBUTION
CAN IT MAKE. THE NEEDS OF THE POOR WILL NOT BE MET BY EMPTY
PROMISES; THE NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING GLOBAL ECONOMY WILL NOT BE
MET BY NEW RESTRICTIONS ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND; THE GROWING INTER-
DEPENDENCE OF ALL NATIONS CANNOT BE MANAGED ON THE BASIS OF
CONFRONTATION.

THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE DECLARATION AND THE SPECIAL PROGRAM
TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CANNOT LEND ITS SUPPORT.
I WILL DEAL HERE ONLY WITH OUR MOST IMPORTANT
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